BROWNHELM; Does It Really Exist?

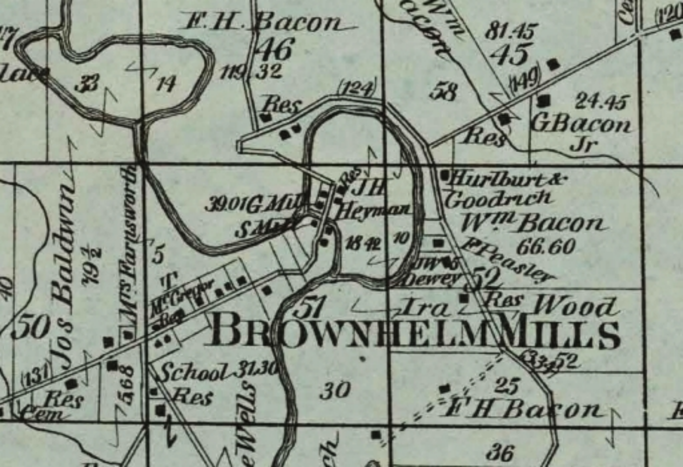
Where is this magical (mythical?) place, "Brownhelm", with such a "rich history"?

This publication (when completed) will evaluate whether or not there ever really was a place officially designated as simply "Brownhelm".

Certainly there was a "Brownhelm Township" which still exists, (in significantly diminished size), as a "judicial township"; and also technically still exists (as a "survey township") in its original entirety, (designated initially as "Town* 6, Range 19").
And there was a "Brownhelm Mills", (an officially platted village known additionally as "West Brownhelm", "Manchester" and "Rugby").
And there was a "Brownhelm Station", (an officially platted village alongside the "L.S.&M.S." R.R.), but which, now, is entirely within the city-limits of Vermilion.
And there was a "Brownhelm Center", (officially platted formerly as the village of "Bacon's Corners"); although half of which, (and also the 1899-1988 "Brownhelm School"), is now within the city-limits of Vermilion.

But where (and what) is "Brownhelm", officially? Does such a place officially still exist? Did such a place EVER officially exist?
Or is "Brownhelm" merely a casual, colloquial, (and, in essence, strictly "historically" archaic) name for the entire original "Town*6, Range 19" TOWNSHIP OF BROWNHELM, (therefore, "Brownhelm" = Brownhelm Twp.)?

{*- The word 'Town' in its historical context, now is often misunderstood to mean "village"; but obviously instead, 'Town' meant 'Township', in that context. Likewise, the "Town of Brownhelm", historically meant the 'Township of Brownhelm', not the "village of Brownhelm", (of which there was no such thing as "Brownhelm Village", anytime during the 19th-Century).}



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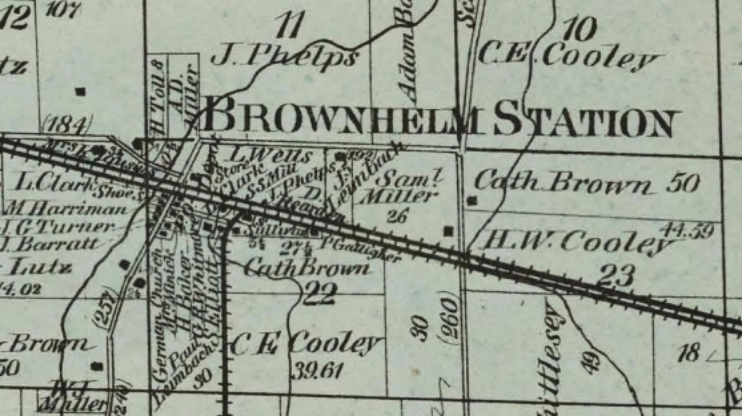
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M. Harriman
J.G. Turner
J. Barratt
Lutz
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Clark
S.S. Mill
L. Wells
J. Phelps
D. Reardon
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J. Leimbach
Sam.l Miller
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Cath. Brown 50
Sullivan
5½
27½
P. Gallagher
Cath Brown
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H.W. Cooley
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Mr. Minick
H. Baker
G.A. Whitmore
Paul Leimbach
S. Elliott
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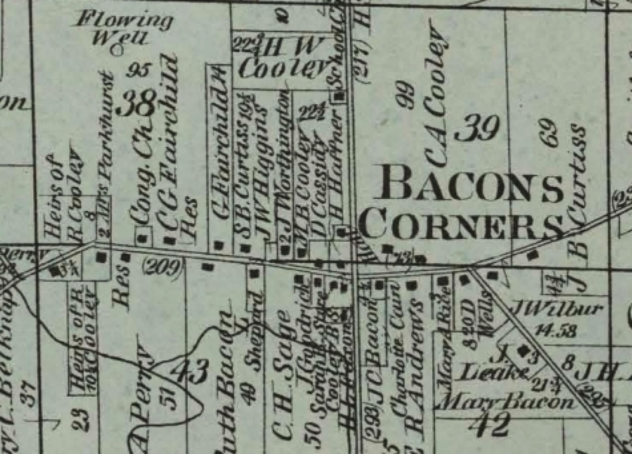
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L Belknap
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A Perry
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Ruth Bacon
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C. H. Sage
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J C Bacon
Charlotte Carr
R Andrews
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Mary A Rice
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J Leake
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Mary Bacon
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This (temporary) 'PDF' contains extracted maps of the three villages that existed here in "Brownhelm" (Brownhelm Twp.), in 1874.

SEE SEPARATE 'JPG' FILES FOR FULL-SIZE VARIOUS-YEAR MAPS OF 'BROWNHELM TOWNSHIP'.

[The finalized publication will also detail the "official" formation of "B.T.H.S.", in **1983**, during a "historical discussion" (near the old Lorain Ford Plant), about the preservation of an old survey-marker obelisk, there alongside the "Nickel Plate" R.R. and "L.S.E." r-o-w, (which was formerly within the originally surveyed limits of "Brownhelm Township"), and somewhat west of the "Hole-in-the-Wall" nude beach.]

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